

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting with "Network systems" beginning on page 1, lines 13-25 with the following amended paragraph:

Network systems have document management functions for processing documents information and exchanging documents between access terminals. In Japanese Patent Publication Hei 2000-99512, one exemplary document management method includes the conversion of a document format that has been formatted by a known word processor into an internally common format as well as the extraction of partial structures that are needed by a predetermined processing application. The above example is implemented by using an available language such as Extended Mark-up Language (XML), and the tags that are actually used but depend upon an original document. By preparing a set of rules for the internal structures of the documents, certain information such as a title and an index is extracted for subsequent document processing. Unfortunately, although the above described prior technology converts various document formats into a common format before extracting information, it fails to disclose any information or property that is attached to the documents for the purpose of managing the documents.